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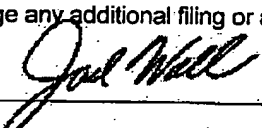
Title: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING CONTROL  
MESSAGES IN A SIGNALING NETWORK  
Serial No. 09/767,292  
Filing Date: January 18, 2001  
First Named Inventor: Arthur DOSKOW  
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Application No. 09/767,292-Conf. #9811	Filing Date January 18, 2001	Examiner P. W. Klimach	Art Unit 2135		
Applicant(s): Arthur Duskow et al.					
Invention: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING CONTROL MESSAGES IN A SIGNALING NETWORK					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.